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signal;

inputting means for inputting a video signal;

compressing means for compressing an amount of information of the video

generating means for generating a character signal; and

memory means having a common memory for storing the video signal to perform a compressing process by said compressing means and storing the character signal generated by said generating means to perform a combining operation of the character signal. -

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12. (Amended) A signal processing device, comprising:

inputting means for inputting a video signal;

expanding means for expanding an amount of information of the video signal;

generating means for generating a character signal; and

memory means having a common memory for storing the video signal to perform an expanding process by said expanding means and storing the character signal generated by said generating means to perform a combining operation of the character signal. -A

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18. (Amended) A device according to claim 12, wherein said memory has a first area which is to be accessed by said expanding means, and a second area which corresponds to an image plane represented by the video signal and which is different from said first area, and wherein said generating means comprises memory control means for writing into said second area a plurality of

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codes representing a value of pixel data of the character signal, and a table for outputting pixel data corresponding to codes read out from said second area. --.

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20. (Amended) A signal processing device, comprising:
inputting means for inputting a video signal;
processing means for performing a predetermined process on the video signal;
generating means for generating a character signal; and
memory means having a common memory for storing the video signal to perform the predetermined process by said processing means and storing the character signal generated by said generating means to perform a combining operation of the character signal. --

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29. (Amended) A recording apparatus, comprising:
inputting means for inputting a video signal;
compressing means for compressing an amount of information of the video signal;
recording means for recording on a recording medium the video signal the amount of which has been compressed by said compressing means;
generating means for generating a character signal; and
memory means having a common memory for storing the video signal to perform a compressing process by said compressing means and storing the character signal generated by said generating means to perform a combining operation of the character signal. --

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